

chemotherapy treatment as part of his miraculous recovery. As Lance has mentioned, his chemotherapy treatment at M.D. Anderson was one of the most difficult parts of his trying ordeal, because it resulted in the loss of hair, strength, weight, and all the other ills that accompany chemotherapy; yet his inner strength and personal will allowed him to defeat his cancer and regain his strength and prove to himself and the world that he could not only compete in the Tour de France, but win it.

Many in the sports world, even in the cycling team, wrote off Lance Armstrong, but Lance Armstrong never gave up hope. He showed great courage and determination, and once the cancer was removed, he slowly and steadily climbed back on his bicycle and started to train. Then he started to race. Then he started to surprise the cycling world by making a stunning comeback.

Mr. Speaker, Lance Armstrong's victory inspires all of those who have had cancer, all of those who are fighting cancer, and all of those who have had loved ones die from cancer. He has proved to the world that there is life after cancer and that cancer no longer carries an automatic death sentence.

Lance Armstrong is now helping others prevent and survive testicular cancer not only through example, but by dedicating himself and his resources to the Lance Armstrong Foundation, which helps fund research to cure cancer.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Lance Armstrong both on his victory in Paris and his victory over cancer.

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, further reserving the right to object, I yield to the gentleman from the Dallas area in Texas (Mr. SESSIONS) so that he might offer further explanation of the bill.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Austin for his indulgence in acceptance of this resolution on behalf all of the people of the United States.

As a lifelong Texan, I take great pride today to honor a brave young Texan who represents the very best of honor and dignity for Texas and America. Mr. Speaker, we take special pride today in this resolution recognizing the place that Lance Armstrong has earned among the truly inspirational athletes of this century. His tremendous achievement in winning the Tour de France of 1999 would stand as the greatest accomplishment of many athletes' lives.

This race, which occurs over a 2-week period through some of the hillest terrain in Europe, requires exceptional fitness on the part of each and every competitor. It is a feat of endurance that is rarely matched in any field of athletic competition. Few Americans have ever won this event, and as was noted today, Lance Armstrong was only the second, and none have overcome the obstacles that Lance Armstrong did as he prepared for this monumental achievement.

Just 3 years ago, Lance Armstrong was diagnosed with testicular cancer. This disease is one of the most common forms of cancers among men between the ages of 15 and 35. When he was diagnosed, doctors gave him less than a 50 percent chance of surviving. He faced a future of surgery, followed by radiation and chemotherapy and his training for bicycle racing took a back seat to overcoming the immediate threat to his life.

Lance Armstrong has done far more than just survive. He has successfully completed his own treatment; and then, as he resumed his training for competition, he established the Lance Armstrong foundation to promote, through awareness, education and research, the fight against testicular cancer. In organizing this valuable community service, he has initiated the measures that will help many other young men receive information and to early dying knows that which is effective, early treatment.

Mr. Speaker, this resolution expresses for the entire United States of America our House's acclaim for Lance Armstrong as an athlete and dedicated contributor to his community and as an outstanding American citizen. We applaud his accomplishments and wish him continued success in every aspect of his activity.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the House agree to the adoption of H. Res. 264.

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the timely consideration of this resolution so that this body could go on record immediately in honoring Lance and all that his effort represents in a strong, bipartisan way. I thank the gentleman.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

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Whereas Lance Armstrong was diagnosed with advanced testicular cancer in 1996 and given a less than 50 percent chance of survival by doctors;

Whereas testicular cancer is the most common form of cancer in men between 15 and 35 years old;

Whereas Lance Armstrong has established the Lance Armstrong Foundation, devoted to fighting cancer through awareness, education, and research;

Whereas Lance Armstrong has made one of the most memorable comebacks in sports history;

Whereas the Tour de France is one of the most physically demanding endurance sporting events in the world; and

Whereas Lance Armstrong has honored the Nation with his courageous performance by winning the Tour de France: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) congratulates Lance Armstrong on his spectacular performance, winning the 1999 Tour de France; and

(2) recognizes the contribution Lance Armstrong's perseverance has made to inspire

those fighting cancer and survivors of cancer around the world.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REPORT ON NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO TERRORISTS WHO THREATEN TO DISRUPT MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 106-106)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), I transmit herewith a 6-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process that was declared in Executive Order 12947 of January 23, 1995.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, July 29, 1999.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES I. DENECHAUD, JR.

(Mr. OBERSTAR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to my late father-in-law, Charles I. Denechaud, Jr., whose life ebbed away last Saturday, July 24. He was taken from his loved ones after nearly 3 years of a silent struggle against a stroke that disabled him and in the end robbed his most precious treasure, the ability to speak to his dear wife.

His remarkable life in the law and his extraordinary service to his fellow New Orleanians, his family, and the Catholic Church was summed up in a comprehensive account in the New Orleans Times Picayune of Sunday, July 25, which I submit for the RECORD. I also include in the RECORD at this point the eulogy of my wife, Jean K. Oberstar, my own remarks. I want to cite the splendid eulogy offered, though not available in printed version, by Jean's brother-in-law, Tommy Boggs, in warm and touching tribute to a man whose exemplary life will inspire all of us to so live our lives.

CHARLES I. DENECHAUD, JR.

EULOGY OF HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR, M.C.

As we left the restaurant a few years ago, I had a clever idea: "Us older guys should walk together," I said, taking his arm, "and you can help steady me, I've got a bad hip."

Charles quickly saw through the ruse: "It's hell to get old, Jim; the first thing to go are